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SOVIET VIEWS ON CAMBODIA

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1. WE DELIVERED NOTE CONTAINED REFTEL B TO USA DIVISION MFA
BY MESSENGER AUGUST 15, FOLLOWING IT UP WITH CALL BY EMBOFF
ON DEPUTY CHIEF SEA COUNTRIES DIVISION KUDRYAVTSEV ON AUGUST 16.
WE USED OCCASION OF CALL TO CONVEY ORALLY THE POINTS CONTAINED
IN REFTEL A.

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2. EMBOFF EXPRESSED HOPE THAT ONE-SIDED NATURE OF ICCS INVESTIGA-

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TIONS IN PAST WOULD BE RECTIFIED AS COMMISSION IS BROUGHT BACK TO FULL STRENGTH. KUDRYAVTSEV SAID SOVIETS THOUGHT WORK OF ICCS WAS QUITE "SOLID" AND WERE CONFIDENT THAT IT WOULD PERFORM ITS ASSIGNED TASKS.

3. KUDRYAVTSEV TOOK NOTE OF OUR ATTITUDE TOWARD DRV JULY 31 STATEMENT AND OUR INTENTION NOT TO CIRCULATE FORMAL REBUTTAL. HE DID NOT RAISE QUESTION OF U.S. ECONOMIC AID.

4. IN ENSUING GENERAL DISCUSSION ON CAMBODIA, KUDRYAVTSEV F(FORMER SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO PHNOM PENH) SAID SOVIET POLICY WAS TO LET CAMBODIANS SETTLE OWN AFFAIRS WITHOUT OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE. EMBOFF POINTED OUT THAT CAMBODIAN GOVERNMENT HAD TAKEN INITIATIVES TOWARD PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT THROUGH DISCUSSIONS AMONG CAMBODIAN PARTIES, BUT HAD BEEN REBUFFED. KUDRYAVTSEV WELCOMED END OF US BONBING AND HOPED IT WOULD NOT BE RESUMED. WITHOUT PROMPTING FROM EMBOFF, HE RAISED QUESTION OF RECONVENING ICC CAMBODIA, WHICH HE SAID WAS PREMATURE. MOREVOER, USSR AS CO-CHAIRMAN DID NOT CONSIDER THAT IT HAD AUTHORITY TO RECONVENE ICC, NOR TO ACT AS MIDDLEMAN FOR SETTLEMENT BETWEEN PARTIES TO CURRENT HOSTILITIES.

IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION, KUDRYAVTSEV SAID SOVIETS WERE AWARE OF SIHANOUK'S DEMAND THAT FOREIGN EMBASSIES IN PHNOM PENH BE CLOSED. SOVIETS MAINTAINED VERY SMALL DIPLOMATIC STAFF NOW, AND WOULD NOT BE SWAYED BY SIHNAOUK'S WARNINGS.
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